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Youth Waterfowl Hunt at Necedah National Wildlife Refuge

Young hunters get ready. The Necedah National Wildlife Refuge is now taking applications for their first ever Youth Waterfowl Hunt Saturday and Sunday, September 17-18, 2011. Deadline to submit an application is September 12. The event is free and open to hunters age 10 to 15 years old who have taken the Wisconsin Department Natural Resources Hunter Safety Course.

The Youth Waterfowl Hunt is an opportunity for inexperienced kids to learn from experienced waterfowl hunters the traditions of waterfowling. Those selected on September 13, will have the opportunity to participate in a number of waterfowl hunting demonstrations and be accompanied by a licensed adult mentor to occupy one of ten designated blinds located in Necedah National Wildlife Refuge (NWR).

Applications to the youth hunt will be selected by random drawing. To apply, submit a 3x5 index card with the full name (first, middle, last), mailing address and telephone number of the youth hunter. The drawing will take place Tuesday, September 13. Be sure the entry is mailed early so it is received by Monday, September 12. Duplicate, unclear or incomplete entries will not be accepted.

Applicants can drop off their application card to the Necedah NWR Visitor Center or mail applications to:
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“In a world where video games and television are so attractive to children, having an opportunity to be outside in nature can be a very positive experience,” said Refuge Manager Doug Staller.

Saturday from 1:00pm to 7:00pm will be a field day, where kids will participate in several waterfowl hunting related demonstrations including duck ecology, duck calling, hunter safety, decoy placement, waterfowl identification, shotgun shooting and retriever training. Early Sunday morning, the youth will be taken on a guided waterfowl hunt with their assigned mentor in Necedah National Wildlife Refuge.

“Taking our youth hunting is a very important part of keeping our hunting traditions alive”, said Staller. “We hope the kids who participate develop a sincere interest in wildlife conservation, and discover a new life-long hobby.”

The Youth Waterfowl Hunt at Necedah NWR is being sponsored by Outdoors Forever, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and Wisconsin Waterfowl Association. We are grateful of their support.

For more information and details of the event and / or to be a mentor please call 608-565-4412.

Necedah National Wildlife Refuge is open sunrise to sunset. The Visitor Center is open seven days a week 7:30am to 4pm, and located two miles north on Headquarters Road off of Highway 21 four miles west of the Village of Necedah or 18 miles east of Tomah. Visit <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/necedah> for more information about your National Wildlife Refuge, or find us on [Facebook](#).

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